



September 19, 2006

The Honorable Bill Frist, Republican Leader
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid, Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Frist and Reid:

As leaders in the networking and communications industries striving to produce new technologies for our nation and the world, we are pleased to support the Advanced Telecommunications and Opportunities Reform Act (H.R. 5252) as approved by the Senate Commerce Committee. It is our hope that the full Senate will approve this legislation in the very near future.

We are particularly pleased that an Internet Consumers Bill of Rights has been incorporated into the bill to address the so-called “network neutrality” issue. We believe this approach to net neutrality will ensure that consumers have access to the content of their choice.

We are strongly opposed to the adoption of mandated net neutrality regulation sought by large Internet content businesses for a number of reasons. First, the Internet has benefited greatly from the relative absence of regulatory restrictions, which has allowed content businesses to grow and prosper. Congress has wisely refrained from burdening this still-evolving medium with regulations, except in those cases where the need for policy action has been clear, and it can be narrowly tailored. This is not the time to deviate from this posture.

Second, it is too soon to enact network neutrality legislation. The problem that the proponents of network neutrality seek to address has not manifested itself in a way that enables us to understand it clearly. Legislation aimed at correcting a nebulous concern may have severe unintended consequences and hobble the rapidly developing new technologies and business models of the Internet. Third, enacting network neutrality “placeholder laws” could have the unintended effect of dissuading companies from investing in broadband networks.

We believe Congress would benefit from objective and unbiased analysis of the claims made on both sides of this debate, and that protecting consumer access while requiring the FCC to study the issue is a reasonable way to proceed.

Thank you for your leadership on this legislation. We stand ready to build the world-class products that will be available to consumers as a result of the increased investment this bill will promote.

Sincerely,

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